

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

SHANNON SANZO,)
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Plaintiff,)
) No. 1:10-cv-2764
vs.)
)
ALLIANCEONE RECEIVABLES)
MANAGEMENT, INC.,) **JURY DEMAND ENDORSED HEREON**
)
Defendant.)

COMPLAINT

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, SHANNON SANZO, by and through her attorneys, LUXENBURG & LEVIN, LLC, and for her Complaint against the Defendant, ALLIANCEONE RECEIVABLES MANAGEMENT, INC., Plaintiff alleges and states as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This is an action for actual and statutory damages for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (hereinafter the “FDCPA”), 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.*, and the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act (hereinafter the “OCSPA”), Ohio Rev. Code § 1345.01, *et seq.*

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Jurisdiction arises under the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.* Venue lies properly in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331(b), as a substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to the claim occurred within this District.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff is an individual who was at all relevant times residing in Geneva, Ohio.

4. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3), as she is a natural person allegedly obligated to pay a debt.

5. At all relevant times, Defendant acted as a "debt collector" within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6), in that it held itself out to be a company collecting a consumer debt allegedly owed by Plaintiff.

6. On information and belief, Defendant is a corporation of the State of Delaware, which is licensed to do business in Ohio and which has its principal place of business in Trevose, Pennsylvania.

COUNT I

(Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act)

7. On or about July 8, 2010, Defendant mailed a letter to Plaintiff in an attempt to collect the aforementioned alleged debt.

8. On or about August 12, 2010, the undersigned counsel mailed a letter to Defendant, advising Defendant that he now represented Plaintiff with respect to the alleged debt.

9. Despite this notice from Plaintiff's attorney, on or about October 20, 2010, Defendant mailed another letter to Plaintiff in a further attempt to collect the alleged debt.

10. In its attempts to collect the aforementioned alleged debt, Defendant violated the FDCPA in one or more of the following ways:

- a. Communicating with Plaintiff after Defendant had been advised that she was represented by an attorney with respect to the alleged debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(a)(2); and
- b. By acting in an otherwise deceptive, unfair and unconscionable manner and failing to comply with the FDCPA.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, SHANNON SANZO, respectfully prays for a judgment against Defendant as follows:

- a. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 for each violation of the FDCPA;
- b. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees, court costs and other litigation costs incurred by Plaintiff; and
- c. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.

COUNT II

(Violation of the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act)

11. Plaintiff hereby adopts, re-alleges and incorporates by reference all allegations set forth above as though fully rewritten here.

12. Defendant's actions in attempting to collect the alleged debt from Plaintiff as described above constitute a "consumer transaction" as defined in Ohio Rev. Code § 1345.01(A).

13. Defendant is a "supplier" as defined in Ohio Rev. Code § 1345.01(C), as Defendant is in the business of effecting or soliciting consumer transactions.

14. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined in Ohio Rev. Code § 1345.01(C), as he is a person who engaged in a consumer transaction with a supplier, the Defendant herein.

15. Defendant's actions and omissions described above constitute unfair, deceptive and unconscionable acts and practices, in violation of Ohio Rev. Code §§ 1345.02 and 1345.03, and the substantive rules promulgated under the OCSPA.

16. Defendant, through its agents and employees, knowingly committed the unfair, deceptive and unconscionable acts and practices described above.

17. As a result of Defendant's unfair, deceptive and unconscionable acts and practices, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer, various damages which include, but are not limited to the categories of damages described above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, SHANNON SANZO, respectfully prays for a judgment against Defendant as follows:

- a. Statutory damages of \$200.00 for each violation of the OCSPA;
- b. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees, court costs and other litigation costs incurred by Plaintiff; and
- c. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.

JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Civil Rule 38, Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues in this action, except for any issues relating to the amount of attorneys' fees and litigation costs to be awarded should Plaintiff prevail on any of her claims in this action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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